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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, \$1,600,000 Dollars.

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. K. WATSON. Deputy Chairman—A. MOLYER, Esq. ADOLF ANDER, Esq. H. DE O. FORBES, Esq. R. B. BELLING, Esq. H. HOFFMAN, Esq. H. J. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSON, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

HONGKONG, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

SHANGHAI, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " "

" 12 " 5 " " "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$2,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$2,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE, 14, Rue Brochez, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES AT: AMOY, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, HONGKONG, CALCUTTA, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, MANILA, CANTON, &c.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE NATIONAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

QUINTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital, \$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:—

3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " " "

" 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## To Let.

ROOMS IN CHAMBERS, suitable for Office or Chambers.

The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 46, PRINCE STREET, below GARDEN ROAD, possession from 1st February next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, December 28, 1880.

## To Let.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 31, WATSON'S STREET.

ROOMS IN CHAMBERS, suitable for Office or Chambers.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong, January 10, 1881.

## To Let.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, at present occupied by the Occidental and Oriental S.S. Co.

Apply to TURNER & Co., Hongkong, December 24, 1880.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Firms of LINSTEAD & Co. and DAVIS & Co. are this day Amalgamated, and the Underigned have entered into Co-partnership under the Style of LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

T. G. LINSTEAD, H. W. DAVIS.

Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

### NOTICE.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong, and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALL has been authorized to SIGN the Firm per Procuration.

SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

### NOTICE.

MR. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS and MR. PHILIP BERENHARD SCHMACKER have this day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Canton, Hongkong, and Shanghai, January 1, 1881.

### NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has retired from our Firm, and his interest and Responsibility have CEASED. The Business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining Partners, viz:—Messrs. PHILIPAS RYRIE, EDWARD GARRY SMITH, and ARTHUR WILKESLEY WALKINSHAW.

TURNER & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Underigned have this day commenced Business at Hongkong as COAL MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.

AR YON & Co., 60, Praya Central, Dated the 3rd day of January, 1881.

## For Sale.

JOHN NOBLE, 8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

HAS JUST RECEIVED a Very Fine SELECTION OF GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in the latest and most fashionable Designs, including many NOVELTIES in DIAMOND BRACELETS, PENDANTS, BROOCHES, EAR-RINGS, AND GEM RINGS.

Also, A Large and Well Selected STOCK of MORRIS'S Gold and Silver PEN and PENCIL CASES, comprising the Latest Patented Patterns.

Hongkong, December 11, 1880.

## FOR SALE.

PRIME GENEVA in Stone Jars, MARSEILLE BRANDY, at \$6.50 per Dozen; WOLF'S SERRAVALLO and KUMMER, GOOD NAVY COGNAC (in retail at 20 cents per lb.); SALON RUM and CARTRIDGES, GOOD REVOLVERS, RELOADING CAPS, SHOT and CARTRIDGE CASES in Sizes, &c., &c.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 64, Praya Central, Hongkong, January 19, 1881.

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Extra, \$16 per 1 doz. Cases. Exp. 1881, \$17 per 2 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

## To Let.

A Large 6-Roomed HOUSE, Furnished or Unfurnished, in the best neighbourhood.

Apply to "BELMONT," China Mail Office, Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

## TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR and GROUND FLOOR of House No. 4, Praya East (known as the BLUE HOUSE); Possession on the 1st of October.

Also, The HOUSE opposite the WANCHI FIRE, Marine Lot No. 29, containing 3 Rooms, etc., etc., with Gas and Water laid on; Immediate possession.

Apply to MEYER & Co., Hongkong, September 3, 1880.

## GODOWNS-TO-LET.

PRATA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

## TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 31, WATSON'S STREET.

ROOMS IN CHAMBERS, suitable for Office or Chambers.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, December 28, 1880.

## TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 46, PRINCE STREET, below GARDEN ROAD; possession from 1st February next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, December 28, 1880.

## TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, at present occupied by the Occidental and Oriental S.S. Co.

Apply to TURNER & Co., Hongkong, December 24, 1880.

## For Sale.

### KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED WHITAKER'S ALMANACS for 1881.

REVISED ENGLISH BIBLES. New Relief Atlas of World.

Humbert's "Manners and Customs of Japan."

"Drawing and Rough Sketching for Marine Engineers."

Mrs. Pittman's "Heroines of the Mission Field."

Calderon's "New Toy Books."

Board of Trade Instructions to Surveyors of Ships.

Routledge's "History of Science."

Smile's "New Work 'Duty'."

Vizetelly's "Facts about Sherry, Port, Champagne, &c."

Poole's Stamp Albums.

Pocket's "Rare Postage Stamps."

Edkins's "Chinese Buddhism."

Ross's "The Manchus or the Reigning Dynasties of China."

Hongkong, January 25, 1881.

### Messrs SAYLE & Co.

BEGET to inform their Customers and the Public that they intend MOVING their STOCK on or about the 1st of March Next to the Temporary PREMISES known as CHAMBER'S STORE, adjoining Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and directly opposite to the HONGKONG DISPENSARY, pending the Alteration and Re-building of the "VICTORIA EXCHANGE." Previous however to the change they propose during the next Month "FEBRUARY" to have a GRAND CLEARANCE SALE of Old and slightly Damaged STOCK, comprising:—

In the Ladies' Show Room:—A large Accumulation of REMNANTS in SILKS, DRESS STUFFS, CALICOES, LACES, RIBBONS, &c., &c. Also, a Quantity of COLLARS, CUFFS, TIES, HOSIERY, GLOVES, SCARVES, &c., &c., which will be offered at Prices considerably under Cost.

In the Tailors and Gentlemen's Outfitting Department:—A large Lot of CLOTHES, HOSIERY, HATS, SCARVES, TIES and BOOTS, will also be offered at considerable Reductions during the Month.

In the Furnishing Department only a Discount of 10% (TEN PER CENT.) will be given off all GOODS purchased in FEBRUARY.

## TERMS: CASH.

SALE TO COMMENCE ON THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY, 1881.

### SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 27, 1881.

## Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction, at No. 2, West Terrace, the Residence of W. VINTON, Esq., on

### THURSDAY,

the 3rd February, 1881, at 2 o'clock p.m., The whole of his

ENGLISH and CHINESE-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

REP-COVERED CHAIRS and COUCHES, WALNUT TABLES, CHIFFONNIERS, MIRRORS, PICTURES, SOLID MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, TRAY DINING TABLE, WALNUT, GLASS and CHERRY WARE, SOLID BRASS BEDSTEAD with SPRING and HOBBLE-IRON MATTRESS, MAHOGANY WARDROBE with MIRROR, FRONT, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTAND and DRESSING TABLE, TOILET GLASSES, a 10-KEY MUSICAL BOX, SEWING MACHINE, FENDER and FIRE IRONS, and Cook's Stove.

Also, ENGLISH MAHOGANY BAGATELLE TABLE, with BALLS and CUPS, complete.

A COFFEE FLAND, by J. S. LANGHOLM, CHAIRMAN, HYACINTHS, CAMELLIAS, FERNS, DAPHNES, EUCALIPTUS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture will be on view the day previous to the Sale.

TERMS:—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, January 24, 1881.

## Intimations.

CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED ON MONDAY, the 31st Inst., His Excellency the GOVERNOR having approved of its being observed as a Holiday.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," GEO. SCOTT, Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," WILLIAM FORRESTER, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWELIN, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6% or \$4.50 per SHARE, Declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK on and after TUESDAY, the 1st February next.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

## HOTEL DE MACAO.

THE above-named HOTEL having been thoroughly REFURNISHED is now OPEN to the Public.

VISITORS to MACAO will find this Establishment replete with every comfort and convenience.

A. DA SILVA TELLES, Proprietor.

Macao, 20th January, 1881.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 2nd day of February, 1881, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by a Special Resolution passed and confirmed the 22nd day of January, 1881, it was resolved that the above-named Company be voluntarily wound up, and that H. DE C. FORBES and C. V. SMITH be appointed Liquidators for the purpose of winding up.

All Persons indebted to the said Company are required forthwith to pay the amount due by them respectively unto the said Liquidators.

And all Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 7th day of February next to send their Names and Addresses and Particulars of their Debts or CLAIMS unto the Underigned, or in default thereof will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated the 24th day of January, 1881.

H. DE C. FORBES, C. V. SMITH, Liquidators.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the above-named Company, No. 14, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th day of February, 1881, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of CONFIRMING the Special RESOLUTIONS proposed and passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 21st day of January instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1881.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the Fifteenth day of February next, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 27, 1881.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the Second to the Fifteenth February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 27, 1881.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the ORIGINAL SCRP CERTIFICATE No. 2003 for SHARES numbered 241, 311 and 369 in the name of REUBEN SOLOMON, having been LOST, the said Original Scrp Certificate has been CANCELLED and a Duplicate thereof issued to the Holder of the said Shares. No transaction taking place under authority of the said Original Scrp Certificate No. 2003 will hereafter be recognized by the Underigned.

By Order, J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has returned, and is now ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at his Rooms, the First-floor of the premises lately occupied by the National Bank of India.

Hongkong, December 7, 1880.

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship "Ulysses,"

Captain A. Thompson, will be despatched on or about the 1st February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1881.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rate to GALLICUTTA, JEDDAH, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Hungaria,"

will be despatched at about the 1st Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELORE & Co., Agents.



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strike an outsider as odd that, although the Chinese pay so large a proportion of the taxes, that the Chinese should not have a school supported chiefly by the Government to educate their boys. This tax-paying argument is frequently dragged in, and for very different objects: if, the Foochow Arsenal benefits by the school, do not the boys who go there benefit by the Foochow Arsenal? And do not the parents benefit by their boys' prosperity?

We understand that Captain Deane has received instructions to repress so far as possible the firing of crackers to-morrow in the vicinity of the places of public worship. In this connection the following correspondence has been courteously placed at our disposal:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 26th Jan., 1881.  
Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, respecting the firing of crackers on Chinese New Year's Day during Divine Services, I have the honour, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to inform you that the Captain Superintendent of Police has been instructed to speak to the leading Chinese in the various districts concerned, and to make such arrangements as may be necessary to prevent any disturbance of the congregations.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
FRANKLIN STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

D. R. CHAPMAN, Esq.,  
Colonial Secretary.

The following "Government notification," No. 29, appears in the Gazette of this date:—

Whereas it has been decided by the Supreme Court that the existing provision for the discharge of the duties of certain officers of the said Court is insufficient, the Governor has been pleased to revoke all previously made acting appointments of Registrars and Deputy Registrars, and to direct that the duties of Registrars and Deputy Registrars of the Supreme Court, or of the discharge of any of the duties appertaining to such officers or either of them, and to appoint Mr. William Henry Ryan Moscop, to be Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, and to appoint Mr. Charles Frederick Angus to be Acting Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, such appointments to be during pleasure, but subject to the signature of His Majesty's Command.

By Command,  
FRANKLIN STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong,  
27th January, 1881.

The maximum and minimum readings of the thermometer at the Harbour Office during the week ending January 21st were respectively 50° on the 19th, January and 55° on the 21st instant. The corresponding figures at the Peak were 54° on the 19th, and 61° on the 21st, 20th.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ending 31st December, 1880, is published in the Gazette for general information.

Banks.	Average Amount in Circulation.	Specie
Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited	533,293	250,000
Chartered Bank, Limited	460,230	160,000
Bank of China, Limited	460,230	160,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	578,725	260,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	1,719,452	600,000
Total	\$3,291,640	1,260,000

We have been shown to-day by Mr. Deane's a charming copy of an album entitled "Mirror of the de la mer, ou description de l'expédition, 1878-1880; (Remembrance of the men who contributed to, and accomplished the Vega Expedition, 1878-80). Stockholm, Loebström and Comp. "Commission." The following is a list of the portraits and views it contains, all of them beautifully executed:—Oscar II.; Oscar Dickson; A. Sibiriakoff; A. E. Nordenskiöld; A. L. Palander; the second commander (E. O. Bruzewitz); and the scientific members of the Expedition: (O. Nordqvist, F. R. Kjellman, E. B. Almqvist, A. P. Högstrand, E. Bove, A. J. Strömberg); the crew of the Vega; and the steamer "Albatross." It is a volume of the album shall be made here, and that it shall include the portraits of those who were most intimately associated with the reception of the members of the Expedition in Hongkong, photographs of the cups presented to the Professor and to Captain Palander, the addresses of welcome and the replies, etc. We believe the idea is a good one and that subscriptions would be easily obtained for such a work of art.

#### THE FINANCES OF THE COLONY.

A comparative statement of the revenue and expenditure for the year 1879 and 1880 is published in the Gazette. The figures are in all cases exclusive of Crown Agent's account. The total estimated receipts for 1880 were \$1,024,028; the actual receipts were \$1,066,329 as compared with \$854,455 in 1879—showing a net increase of \$101,874. The estimated payments for the year were \$974,472, and the actual payments \$855,204, as against \$853,751 in 1879, a net increase of \$31,453. To come to the details of the receipts, under nine different heads of service there is an increase, namely, Land Revenue \$2,478; Rents exclusive of lands \$173; Stamps \$10,625; Police, Lighting, Water and Fire Brigade rates, \$59,315; postage \$27,773; Fees of office \$11,895; sale of Government property \$11,044; reimbursements \$9,071; and interest \$999. These amounts together make \$1,066,329. In only three heads of service is there a decrease: they are these:—(1) Houses \$263, with regard to this the note is made: "This is only an apparent decrease; there has been an increase of revenue on nearly all descriptions of houses." (2) 1879's account includes 12 months' Option Money; 1880's, only 11 months' Option Money. (3) The present Farmer Colonies' tax for January, 1880, in December, 1879. (2) In "Fines and fees \$11,705, as to which the following explanation is given: "Supreme Court fees are more than in 1879; fees for members of the Police Department, since February last year, 1879, one of the Police officers was

finest, \$10,875; hence the apparent decrease"; and (3) Miscellaneous receipts, to account for which it is noted that "there is a falling off in fees for the storage of gunpowder." These three decreases amount to \$15,945, which, put against the amount of the increase in the other heads of service, already mentioned of \$101,874. We append the receipts for 1879 and 1880 in the seven principal heads of service:—

	1879.	1880.
Land Revenue	262,059.63	261,496.37
Police, Lighting, Water and Fire Brigade	171,342.05	230,557.31
Rents exclusive of lands	144,282.27	146,761.10
Stamps	114,765.35	125,391.23
Fees of Office	71,643.77	83,536.83
Postage	65,161.43	92,539.57
Rents exclusive of lands	59,494.83	59,668.81

Dealing with the same way with the Payments for the two years we have an increase under 12 headings. Only 5 of these, however, are of any considerable amount or moment; they are:—Establishments \$13,603; Postmaster General \$45,006; Educational \$1,476; Police Magistrate \$10,620; and Government Gardens \$9,071. The total of the twelve increases is \$70,269. There are decreases under ten heads of expenditure, amongst which there are these:—Medical \$2,317; fire brigade \$4,213; transport \$1,421; works and buildings \$10,813; roads, streets, and bridges \$13,311; miscellaneous services \$1,772; and military contribution \$4,399—in all \$38,617, which as against \$70,269 gives the net increase we have already mentioned of \$31,452. The main heads of expenditure are these:—

	1879.	1880.
Establishments	\$46,725.43	\$44,268.69
Exclusive of Establishments		
Works & Buildings	\$1,081.68	\$105,855.14
Roads, Streets and Bridges	\$7,504.08	\$4,192.68
Miscellaneous Services	\$4,761.14	\$8,989.12
Postmaster General	\$30,225.05	\$5,982.61
Gas	\$19,962.19	\$20,093.63
Police	\$16,329.39	\$26,936.51
Medical	\$12,132.54	\$2,317.00
Government Gardens	\$9,071.00	\$9,071.00
Educational	\$7,650.99	\$12,747.16
Penalties, &c.	\$6,559.19	\$7,416.16
Fire Brigade	\$4,213.88	\$4,213.88
Charitable Allowances	\$2,317.00	\$3,994.00
Transport	\$8,061.15	\$1,987.57
Light House (maintenance)	\$2,999.64	\$2,461.69

#### CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. vs. HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.  
This match was commenced yesterday, and finished this afternoon, being decided on the first innings, as the second was not concluded when wickets were drawn. The Club are thus the winners by six runs. During the second innings of the Fire Brigade a large score was knocked off, principally by Messrs. Hyatt and Dunman, who made 93 and 105, to which Mr. Travers added 55. The Club were working under difficulties during this innings as they lost their two crack bowlers, Lieut. Charley and Dr. Bridges, the former of whom was unfortunately absent, and the latter gentleman, having unfortunately sprained his ankle was unable to take his place as a bowler.

First Innings.	Runs.
W. Hyatt, b Charley	8
H. H. Taylor, c Fincham, b Charley	7
W. Dunman, b Charley	43
R. MacGregor, b Bridges	0
A. K. Travers, b Bridges	0
H. Clynes, b Charley	8
A. R. Blandy, b Charley	0
W. H. Darby, not out	0
A. Coxon, run out	0
J. Hughes, stpd Whyte, b Charley	0
Isaac Hughes, c Stainforth, b Charley	14
Byes 14, leg byes 2	16
Total	87

Wickets fall.	For	By	Runs
1	12	2	29
2	36	6	39
3	66	7	86
4	87	10	87

#### HONGKONG C. C.

First Innings.	Runs.
H. de O. Forbes, b Hyatt	12
J. W. F. Charley, b Hyatt	9
S. G. Bird, c Dunman, b Hyatt	3
A. R. Blandy, b Travers	0
H. F. Whyte, b Hyatt	13
B. F. Noel Clarke, b Hyatt	13
C. S. Barr, b Travers	8
Dr. Bridges, not out	20
H. G. Fincham, c b Hyatt	0
Cap. Stainforth, b Hyatt	13
Isaac Hughes, run out	0
Byes 1, leg byes 2	3
Total	93

Wickets fall.	For	By	Runs
1	21	2	24
2	24	5	49
3	53	7	65
4	87	10	93

#### HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

Second Innings.	Runs.
W. Hyatt, b Charley	85
H. H. Taylor, c Bridges, b Clarke	105
W. Dunman, b Blandy	105
R. K. Leigh, c b Blandy	0
A. K. Travers, lbw b Clarke	59
R. MacGregor, run out	4
H. Clynes, b Whyte	1
W. H. Darby, b Whyte	1
A. Coxon, b Clarke	1
J. Hughes, not out	0
Isaac Hughes, run out	0
Byes 10, leg byes 2, wide 13, no ball 25	30
Total	309

Wickets fall.	For	By	Runs
1	20	2	174
2	183	4	263
3	283	5	293
4	309	9	309

#### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

First Innings.	Runs.
R. F. Noel Clarke, lbw, b Travers	0
Dr. Bridges, b Hyatt	14
S. G. Bird, not out	11
W. H. Darby, not out	1
Total	26

#### HONGKONG GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL.

##### INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION.

The following documents which have been placed at the disposal of the Daily Press, but have not been forwarded to us, we find room for. We also give the returns appended to the report, although those which we gave in last night's issue were fuller in details.

MINUTES BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.  
The annual prize examination of the Central School, which to some extent is the examination of the members of the school, should be conducted, as in every other school, by Examiners other than the Masters.

I should be glad if Dr. Stewart would suggest the names of a few gentlemen who would be competent to conduct the necessary examination.

(Signed) J. F. HENNESSY,  
11th January, 1881.

REPORT BY THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
The Rev. Dr. Eitel, Mr. Justice Snowden (who takes a great interest in education), the Rev. Dr. Chalmers, and the Rev. Mr. Lecher, offer to us as the names of gentlemen who would be competent to conduct the necessary examinations.

The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, a great Indian educationist, now the guest of Dr. Chalmers, might feel inclined to join in the examination. A comparison of results here and in India would be satisfactory.

(Signed) F. STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

11th January, 1881.

#### MINUTES BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

I approve of all those selected by Dr. Stewart, and as the boys are mostly Chinese, and the examination will be held in Chinese, let the Honourable Mr. Choy and Dr. Wong be added to the Examiners. The examination should be conducted as prescribed in the Grant-in-aid Scheme for Schools in which a European education is given with Chinese in addition.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.  
Tuesday, 18th—25th January.  
Members of the Board.—The Hon. Ng Choy Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Rev. R. Lecher, P. R. Smith, Esq. (added to the Board on account of the illness of Mr. Justice Snowden), Dr. Wong, and Dr. Eitel. The Board met at 10 o'clock, and the Chairman, Mr. Dr. Eitel, as such, opened the meeting by reading to the Board all the documents in G. S. O. 29 of 1881, which explained how His Excellency the Governor came to appoint the Members of the Board as Examiners of the Government Central School on the present occasion, after the Masters of the School had, without the knowledge of the Governor, begun and nearly finished their own examination of the School.

Dr. Eitel further mentioned that, after ordering the Masters to suspend their examination, the Governor had been asked by the Acting Head Master to allow the Masters to finish their examination for their own satisfaction, but that the Governor had decidedly refused to allow this examination to be continued as he wished the present Board, appointed for the purpose, to conduct an independent examination of the School de novo. With reference to the order of the Governor that the Inspector of Schools should arrange the preliminaries of the examination to be held by the Board, Dr. Eitel laid before the Board, and explained in detail, a scheme he had drawn up, in consultation with Dr. Stewart and the Acting Head-master, Mr. Arthur, for the examination of the Central School, partly in English, partly in Chinese, and partly in certain special subjects, on the basis of the provisions laid down in the Grant-in-aid Scheme.

Dr. Chalmers said that whatever the object of the Governor might or might not have been in ordering the examination by the teachers of the school to be stopped and to propose the following resolution for adoption by the Board:—"That we, finding the teachers of the Central School were in the middle of a process of examination, nearly finished, permit them to finish that, and then take further measures to test the school."

Dr. Eitel reminded Dr. Chalmers that the documents he had read to the Board showed that the Governor had appointed the Board for the purpose of instituting an independent examination on the basis of the Grant-in-aid Scheme, and that the Governor had twice ordered the discontinuance of the masters' examination.

Mr. Ng Choy said he would second Dr. Chalmers' motion, in consideration of the shortness of time and of the difficulties in the way of the Board examining the boys independently.

Dr. Eitel stated that this resolution, if passed, would put the Head-master into a false position, necessitating his disobeying the explicit orders of the Governor.

Dr. Chalmers asked if the members of the Board were forbidden to put the question again, which the Master orally, or in writing, had already put to the boys.

Dr. Eitel replied that the members of the Board had been asked to conduct a new and independent examination on the basis of the Grant-in-aid Scheme, and that the examination begun by the Masters was not in accordance with the Grant-in-aid Scheme, and that therefore the Board was not asked to finish what the Masters had begun and then to test the school somewhat, but to conduct an entirely new and independent examination on the principles of the Grant-in-aid Scheme.

Dr. Chalmers said that he maintained that, as a member of the Board, he was free to ask the boys again the same questions which had been asked by the Masters, or which they were about to ask. Dr. Chalmers wished to know decisively whether or not he and the other members of the Board could do so.

Mr. Ng Choy said that when he seconded the proposition he did not consider the words "permit the Masters" and would suggest that Dr. Chalmers should substitute the words "ask them to help us," in which case he would second Dr. Chalmers' motion.

Dr. Chalmers said what he wished was that the little portion of the examination held by the Masters which was left unfinished, be finished, for the convenience and help of the Board.

Mr. Lecher remarked that the Board could not ask the Masters to continue an examination which the Governor had twice ordered them to discontinue.

Dr. Chalmers said he wished to amend his previous motion, and moved:—"That we, finding the teachers of the Central School, nearly finished, permit them to finish that, and then take further measures to test the school."

Mr. Lecher having seconded this resolution, Dr. Chalmers said he was entirely

opposed to it unless the papers already begun by the pupils of the school were completed by the pupils of the school.

Dr. Eitel asked if the examination papers were required by the Board as a basis for their examination, or merely to compare the results of these papers with the eventual results of a new and independent examination by the Board.

Dr. Chalmers said he had already seen the papers, at least some of them.

The motion of Mr. Smith being put to the vote, it was agreed to by all, with the exception of Dr. Chalmers, who remarked that he had doubts whether he would have time to go through this examination, and said that this was a violent proceeding, dangerous to the school.

The details of the scheme arranged by Dr. Eitel for the examination of the school in English, were then read, and approved by the Acting Head-master, Mr. Arthur, having been called in and assured the Board that he had considered the details, in consultation with Dr. Stewart, who also agreed with him in saying that this scheme was fair to the school.

Dr. Eitel then read the list he had prepared, in consultation with Dr. Stewart and Mr. Arthur, of the special subjects in which some of the classes were to be examined, and proposed that the Government Analyst, Mr. Hugh MacCallum, should be invited to assist the Board in the examination of the Chemistry Classes. This proposition was agreed to by all the Members of the Board.

The Acting Head-master, in reply to a question, stated that if he were asked to produce the finished and unfinished papers of the Masters' examination, he would produce them at once.

Mr. Arthur said there was, of course, no objection to the production of any of the papers, but that the unfinished papers could not be given to the boys to finish without contravention of the Governor's explicit orders.

Mr. Chalmers stated that he wished the papers to be finished for his guidance, and said he wished to know why he should not be free to examine the School in any way he pleased, adding that if this was refused, he would not act as a Sub-Committee, but only on the general Board.

Mr. Arthur said he would obey any decision by a majority of the Board as if it were an order by the Governor.

Mr. Smith said it was for the Governor to decide whether Dr. Chalmers might not be asked to finish the papers previously prepared by the Masters, and suggested that the matter be submitted to the Governor as Dr. Chalmers' own suggestion.

Mr. Ng Choy said he did not see the necessity for the unfinished papers being given out to the boys to finish, and suggested that the matter be submitted to the Governor as Dr. Chalmers' own suggestion.

On re-assembling, Dr. Eitel read to the Board the following Minutes of the Governor:—"I have read the Minutes of proceedings of the Board, and the desirability of the Board, at the desire of the Examiners, have proposed that the matter be submitted to the Governor as Dr. Chalmers' own suggestion."

Dr. Chalmers stated that he had ascertained during the recess that nothing had been done by the Central School teachers with regard to the examination of the Chinese Classes, and that he would therefore now withdraw his objections and consent to act on the Sub-Committee.

It was then unanimously agreed that the Board proceed at once to the examination of the English Classes, and that for the purpose the Board divide itself into three Sub-Committees of two Examiners each, each Sub-Committee taking one of the Divisions of the Preparatory School, and examining each boy according to the rules of the Grant-in-aid Scheme.

It was further agreed that the maximum of marks should be in Standard I.—40 for reading, 30 for writing and 30 for Arithmetic; in Standard II.—reading 30, writing 25; and in Standard III.—reading 20, writing 15, and 15 for the marks be required in Standard I., and 20 words in Standard II., but that anything beyond that should be counted a failure; Dr. Wong and Mr. Smith took the III. Division, Dr. Chalmers and Mr. Ng Choy the II. Division, Mr. Lecher and Dr. Eitel the I. Division.

The results were as follows:—

#### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.—DIVISION III.

Standard III.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	8
Failed in composition	18
Failed in arithmetic	18
Failed in 1 subject	2 (saved by copy writing)
Failed in 2 subjects	47
Failed in 3 subjects	18
Total failed	119
Total passed	19

#### DIVISION II.—STANDARD II.

Standard II.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	8
Failed in composition	18
Failed in arithmetic	18
Failed in 1 subject	2 (saved by copy writing)
Failed in 2 subjects	47
Failed in 3 subjects	18
Total failed	119
Total passed	19

#### DIVISION I.—STANDARD I.

Standard I.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	8
Failed in composition	18
Failed in arithmetic	18
Failed in 1 subject	2 (saved by copy writing)
Failed in 2 subjects	47
Failed in 3 subjects	18
Total failed	119
Total passed	19

Nearly half the boys of Division III were found to have been admitted into the School so recently that little or nothing could be expected of them.

Mr. Lecher was appointed to act on the Sub-Committee for the Chinese examination whenever Mr. Ng Choy should be prevented.

Mr. Smith and Dr. Eitel to examine Classes VII., and VIII., and VI. in English.

The following results were obtained:—

The Standard under which this examination was held requires examination in Grammar, which, however, had not been taught in these classes.

No allowance is therefore here made for copy writing.

Class VI.—STANDARD III.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	8
Failed in composition	18
Failed in arithmetic	18
Failed in 1 subject	2 (saved by copy writing)
Failed in 2 subjects	47
Failed in 3 subjects	18
Total failed	119
Total passed	19

The same remarks apply here, as regards Grammar and Copy Writing, as in Classes VII. and VIII.

It was resolved to examine Class V. in Standard IV. with the following provisions:—

Reading, 10 lines; maximum 80; 2 mistakes allowed.

Writing (from dictation), maximum 20; 2 mistakes allowed.

Arithmetic, maximum 20; 2 correct answers out of 3 a pass.

Grammar, 3 mistakes allowed in parsing a sentence of 14 words.

Geography, 3 questions agreed to, after consultation with Head Master and First Chinese Assistant Master, Asia only having been taught, and the 18 provinces of China.

The following result was obtained:—

Class V.—STANDARD IV.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	1
Failed in dictation writing	1
Failed in arithmetic	18
Failed in geography	18
Failed in 1 subject	9 (saved by copy writing)
Failed in 2 subjects	10
Failed in 3 subjects	2
Total failed	19
Total passed	11

As regards examination of Class IV. and subsequent Classes in Arithmetic, it was, after some discussion, agreed, on a suggestion by Dr. Chalmers, that half-marks should be allowed in recording the results in cases where the principle in working out an arithmetical question is right though the result be wrongly stated.

The following results were obtained in examining Class IV.:

Class IV.—STANDARD IV.	Total Examined.
Failed in reading	4
Failed in dictation writing	4
Failed in arithmetic	18</





